



April 21, 2010

Mr. Bob Weis
Fiscal Research Division
Via email

Dear Mr. Weis,

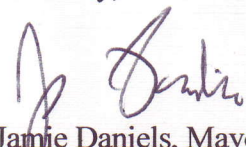
On behalf of the Town of Manteo, I am writing to object to any change in the equity formula for DOT funding.

The formula was established to ensure that the transportation needs of rural counties and towns would not be ignored. Tourism in our area is heavily dependent on good roads. The economic success for the Town of Manteo has been largely due to the transportation investments made on such roads as US 158, US 64, and NC 12.

Many of our visitors are from North Carolina and come from the urban areas and expect us to have adequate roads on which they can safely travel to the Outer Banks. Providing less funds for our area will only mean less construction and inadequate roads.

Please insure that the rural areas of the State do not get ignored in there efforts to improve existing transportation corridors and provide adequate transportation systems.

Sincerely,



Jamie Daniels, Mayor